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March 3, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ANNUAL REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO
PERFORM VARIOUS FLOOD CONTROL WORK IN THE CITIES OF
SOUTH GATE AND SIERRA MADRE AND IN THE COMMUNITY OF SYLMAR
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
FISCAL YEAR 2008-09
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with various work totaling \$320,000 using Public Works' forces.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to proceed with various flood control work totaling \$320,000 in Supervisorial District 1 (City of South Gate) and Supervisorial District 5 (City of Sierra Madre and Community of Sylmar in the City of Los Angeles), effective April 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009, using Public Works' forces as provided for in Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is for the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to authorize certain work in excess of \$10,000 to be performed by Public Works' forces.

In each case, the work as described on the attached list can be more effectively scheduled and coordinated in conjunction with other planned operations and maintenance activities at the various facilities if it is performed by Public Works. Also, Public Works will be able to maintain the necessary operational skills to perform this specialized work in the future. In the past, your Board authorized Public Works to do similar work with our own forces.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Workforce Excellence (Goal 2). The recommended action will meet these goals by allowing the construction of these projects during the normal course of maintenance work thereby reducing costs and by maintaining the needed operational skills to retain a well-trained workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds for this work have been included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Flood Control District Budget. If the work is not completed in the current fiscal year, it will be done in subsequent fiscal years provided that adequate funding is available.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code allows your Board to authorize certain types of flood control work to be performed by force account, including work involving channel protection, dam protection, and maintenance work.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These projects are categorically exempt in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Sections 15301 and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(e) and 3(q) of the revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

No contracting of services will be needed.

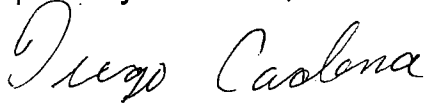
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be minimal impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the authorized force account work.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works, Flood Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel

PROPOSED WORK

Supervisory District 1

- Construct a clarifier along the drying beds at the Flood Maintenance South Area's Imperial Yard. This clarifier will be used as a Best Management Practice (BMP) to collect accumulated water resulting from wet debris that is loaded into the drying beds. The clarifier will be connected to the existing sewer system. The estimated cost is \$180,000.

Supervisory District 5

- Install a supplemental slotted Corrugated Metal Pipe slant drain pipe (outlet tower) at Lannan Debris Basin (TG 567-C1) in the Sierra Madre Fire Area to facilitate more efficient draining of water ponding in the debris basin after rainstorms. Rapid dewatering is essential if we need to effect emergency cleanout of entrapped debris and sediment after a storm event in order to restore the storage capacity of the debris basin before the arrival of the next storm. The estimated cost is \$35,000.
- Install a supplemental slotted Corrugated Metal Pipe slant drain pipe (outlet tower) at Auburn Debris Basin (TG 537-C7) in the Sierra Madre Fire Area to facilitate more efficient draining of water ponding in the debris basin after rainstorms. Rapid dewatering is essential if we need to effect emergency cleanout of entrapped debris and sediment after a storm event in order to restore the storage capacity of the debris basin before the arrival of the next storm. The estimated cost is \$35,000.
- Install a supplemental slotted Corrugated Metal Pipe slant drain pipe (outlet tower) at Schoolhouse Debris Basin (TG 481-H1) in the Sylmar area of the City of Los Angeles to facilitate more efficient draining of water ponding in the debris basin after rainstorms. Rapid dewatering is essential if we need to effect emergency cleanout of entrapped debris and sediment after a storm event in order to restore the storage capacity of the debris basin before the arrival of the next storm. The estimated cost is \$35,000.
- Install a supplemental slotted Corrugated Metal Pipe slant drain pipe (outlet tower) at Wilson Debris Basin (T6 482-H1) in the Sylmar area of the City of Los Angeles to facilitate more efficient draining of water ponding in the debris basin after rainstorms. Rapid dewatering is essential if we need to effect emergency cleanout of entrapped debris and sediment after a storm event in order to restore the storage capacity of the debris basin before the arrival of the next storm. The estimated cost is \$35,000.